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June 20, 2003

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Hatch & Ranking Member Leahy,

I understand that Karen Tandy has been nominated to serve as the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. As the Senate considers Ms Tandy's nomination, I would ask that you take note of the important role that she has played in supporting drug control activities, including drug prevention efforts, over the last twenty five years. With this in mind, on behalf of D.A.R.E. America and the thousands of DARE officers throughout the United States, I would like to wholeheartedly support Karen Tandy's nomination.

Originally an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia and the Western District of Washington, where she served among other things as the Chief of the Narcotics Section, Karen Tandy has been at the forefront of the drug control issue for decades. In her work with the Department of Justice as Deputy Chief for Special Operations, and most recently as the Director of GCDETF, Karen has always made an effort to work closely with State and local law enforcement including drug prevention and education efforts like D.A.R.E. This dedication to a balanced approach on drug abuse is a perspective that will serve her well at the DEA.

Karen Tandy's dedication and knowledge have given her the support of law enforcement across the nation. Likewise, her honesty and integrity have earned her the respect and trust of the criminal justice community. Taken together, I cannot imagine an individual better suited for the challenges of Administrator. Therefore, as the head of D.A.R.E. America and on behalf of the officers, students and communities we serve, I would hope that you will give Karen Tandy your full consideration for DEA Administrator.

Sincerely,

Glenn Levant
President & Founding Director

cc: Sen. Graham
Sen. Biden

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